

way, not to have fellowship with his saints but "to see and be seen." How vain and selfish is such a purpose.

Should you ever ask the question whether you ought to attend services, or to perform the duties that are the strongest reasons that could be given in the affirmative; viz, that no one else would attend it or that many would disregard it. Suppose a mother should say, because the family had gone off and left a child at home, that *therefore*, she would withhold her services in its behalf. Language would fail to furnish any one with terms strong enough to describe that woman's heartlessness. But what difference is there between neglecting spiritual children and physical? Is it a greater crime to kill the body than to kill the soul? "Fear not him who kills the body, but fear him who is able to destroy both body and soul in hell."

We expect to begin a revival soon. We expect an able brother to assist us in these meetings. If the results shall be abiding and truly beneficial, it will be so because the church is a live mother to the children that shall be born unto her. It will be necessary to perform all of the functions pertaining to the true child of God. This done, we shall not only have a successful meeting while it is in progress but results will be as abiding as eternity itself.

"NOTES AND COMMENTS" CROWDED OUT LAST WEEK.

Bro. J. C. Mackey of Conemaugh, Pa., will take up residence April 1st in Hagars-town, Md., 40 East Washington St.

Sisters Brubaker and Rittenhouse very generously remembered the necessities of the EVANGELIST family's table last week. May God bless them for their self-sacrificing love.

Bro. I. M. Murry is again out and at work hanging paper and painting. Any of our brethren needing work done in his line will find him an efficient, honorable and deserving workman.

The crowds at the college chapel last Sunday revive memories of hopeful days in the early history of the institution. Baptism was administered both in the afternoon and evening.

One baptized last Sunday afternoon; four Sunday evening; one Monday evening. Three came forward also on Monday evening to confess Christ, and put Him on in baptism.

Some one sent the following item from Gratis, Ohio, but failed to sign any name to it.

"Bro. Shively and family will return home from Indiana, about the 20th of this month if the Lord wills many hearts will be made glad. May God be with them."

Was glad to hear of Bro. Tombaugh's success. God bless him."

NEWS AND NOTES.

The College Sunday School will begin April 1st. Let the brethren turn out.

Bro. W. W. Summers reports four additions at College Corner Church, in Indiana.

Bro. H. M. Lichty sends us an article on the subject of managing the College, which will appear next week.

Bro. Wm. Keiffer, of the Fair Haven church, paid Ashland a brief visit last week, and attended the College revival.

There have been several editorial writers this week, and if you find things slightly out of joint, do not censure the innocent.

Send in all the subscribers you can, brethren and sisters for the remainder of this year. Let the paper have a share of your attention.

Bro. Jesse Calvert is already making arrangements for low railroad rates to the coming conference. He is determined to have lowest possible rates.

The time of the year is at hand to begin active Sunday School work in all the churches. Don't neglect this work brethren. You can have a good Sunday School whether you have a pastor or not.

April is here, and if you have advice to give, about conference work, remember the paper is open for it now. We think it best to do your writing before, rather than to criticise after the Conference.

There has been many additions to the church during the winter, and if each will carry a pitcher with a light in it, like Gideon's army did, the summer will prove a harvest of successful work for Christ.

The Conference at Ashland can be made a powerful blessing to the church and cause, if the brethren will fill themselves with zeal to renew their consecration and determination to carry to successful ends the different lines of church work, and thus come.

Bros. Bashor and Bowman must intend to take a large hold on the City of Brotherly Love (Philadelphia)—it must mean something when two champions unite in common work. Well, the brethren in old Phila. have held on well and they deserve great enlargement of their borders.

GARBER.

Our meetings at the chapel are growing in power, and are becoming more fruitful. Nine have been baptized and there are six more applicants.

Last night on asking at the close of the services how many would like to be Christians ten arose. We feel that most of these will follow this up by a complete surrender.

E. E. HASKINS.

NO COUNTERFEIT INFIDELS.

"Did you ever see a counterfeit banknote?"

"Yes."

"Why was it counterfeit?"

"Because the genuine note was worth counterfeiting."

"Did you ever see a scrap of brown paper counterfeited?"

"No."

"Why not?"

"Because it was not worth counterfeiting?"

"Did you ever see a counterfeit Christian?"

"Yes."

"Why was he counterfeited?"

"Because he was worth counterfeiting."

"Was he to blame for the counterfeit?"

"Of course not."

"Did you ever see a counterfeit infidel?"

"Why, no."

"Why not?"

"Ahem!"

We pass the above catechism along.

TO THE UNION GOSPEL NEWS:

Dear Sirs:—

I noticed an article in the issue of your paper of Jan. 25, headed, "I cannot be a Christian and be a Railroad Man."

I have been a railroad man for over twenty years,—as fireman three years, and for the past seventeen years as engineer. I was converted nine years ago, while under the influence of that demon, Drink, and I want to state that the past nine years have been the best of my life. Jesus is with me wherever I go. In the engine and off the engine, he is everywhere present with me.

On the 27th of March, '93, I gave up all to the Lord and put myself into His hands to be used of Him, and since then in connection with my brother in Christ, C. W. McClure, also an engineer, have held thirty-two meetings in different parts of Iowa, at division points of the R. R., and the dear Lord has blessed the work with the salvation of 472 precious souls.

We get off our engine and give one Saturday evening and the following Sabbath in each month to the Lord to be used of Him among the R. R. men. Last Sabbath at Esterville, Iowa, twenty-six persons accepted Christ, and one of them was an old engineer.

I can say from my own experience that a R. R. man can live a Christian life, and rail-road, if he is truly converted, and is careful to study God's Word, and is often found talking with the Lord in secret. There will be no trouble about his life if he is prayerful.

May the blessed Lord raise up many Christian R. R. men to go out among the R. R. men and hold up to them Jesus Christ and Him crucified, that Whomsoever believeth on Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

C. W. Byers.

Cedar Rapids, Ia.